

Support Environmental Education for the National Park Service's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore



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Project Summary	Support a robust, effective environmental education program at the park while working from school or home. Research, plan and write pre and post-site curriculum, develop materials and publications, and contribute ideas and written text for the education web pages.
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	United States

Project Description

Do you love your national parks? We want kids to get to know their national parks by engaging in meaningful activities before, during, and after visiting Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Once kids get in parks, a world of learning unfolds as they discover their natural, cultural and historical heritage, enjoy recreational activities, and most importantly, begin a lifelong relationship with national parks and develop an appreciation for nature.

The park's education program is growing - especially with the help of interns and various grants from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the National Park Foundation. The park is able to bring school groups in for field trips for Every Kid in a Park (4th grade), winter field trips for K-3rd grade, and invasive species/weed pull programs. Staff also presents early childhood programs at libraries and preschools and classroom outreach for Junior Ranger and career pathway programs. These core education programs are currently in a pilot stage. To maintain program success, there is much work to be done that a virtual student/intern could assist with and complete:

- ? Review and edit core curriculum for grades preschool – 8th grade
- ? Research, plan and write pre and post-site curriculum for field trips, K-4th grade
- ? Research, plan and write curriculum for preschools and general early childhood programs
- ? Development materials and publications to support standards-based programming
- ? Create educational posts for social media
- ? Assist with researching, reviewing and writing grant proposals
- ? Maintain the program evaluation database, including compiling data reports
- ? Contribute ideas and written text to update the education web pages

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Editing and proofreading

Educational design

Writing

Additional Information

Interested candidates must possess strong written communication skills, have some experience with customer service, outdoor education and/or environmental education, and be friendly, positive and professional. To learn more about Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore: www.nps.gov/PIRO

Language Requirements

None